

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: July 19, 2016

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice-chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Davison, Pearson and Richard.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Filippi, Thornton, Sylvester, Jackson and Walker.

Minutes: Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to accept the July 12, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160078: The Applicant did not appear due to a family emergency. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davison, to reschedule this appeal on July 26, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160079: Sandy Batista appeared for the property located at 110 Mineral Spring Avenue, Pawtucket. ADSFM John Dolan appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to allow restaurant use of the basement space for customer seating, not to exceed sixty (60) patrons, provided the building maintains two (2) means of egress from the basement, and fire alarm detection coverage is provided throughout the basement space. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160080: Maggie Lague appeared for the property located at 1110 Central Avenue, Pawtucket. ADSFM Alan McVay appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Davison, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of an updated fire alarm system and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan.

The emergency lighting, exit signs and installation of a key box are to be corrected within ninety (90) days. The owner must also provide evidence within thirty (30) days that the sprinkler system has been tested and maintained and that the alarm monitoring will accurately contact the Pawtucket Fire Department. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160081: Thomas Tullie appeared for the property located at 109 Pleasant View Avenue, Smithfield. ADSFM Derek Keene appeared for the Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant a variance to allow the continued use as an assembly occupancy with a maximum occupancy load of 869 without requiring an automatic sprinkler system until December 31, 2017, with a firefighter detail required for any event when the occupancy load exceeds 300; and a time variance of thirty (30) days for the installation of a vapor detection system and ventilation controls. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Open Forum / Public Comment:

NEW FIRE CODE: Executive Director Burlingame stated that Governor signed the fire code bill last Wednesday.

RULES & REGS. COMMITTEE: Commissioner Pearson stated the meeting went quite well today.

Adjournment: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davison, to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Hague